

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

SEUNG YANG DBA YANG AUTO REPAIR	§	
<i>Plaintiff,</i>	§	
	§	
v.	§	CIVIL ACTION NO. 5:17-cv-876
	§	
NATIONWIDE PROPERTY AND CASUALTY	§	
INSURANCE COMPANY	§	
<i>Defendant.</i>	§	

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Defendant, Nationwide Property and Casualty Insurance Company (“Defendant”), through undersigned counsel and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441 and 1446, files this Notice of Removal of the lawsuit captioned *Seung Yang DBA Yang Auto Repair v. Nationwide Property and Casualty Insurance Company*; Cause No. 2017CI14407, in the 37th Judicial District of Bexar County, Texas.

**I.
BACKGROUND**

1. Plaintiff Seung Yang DBA Yang Auto Repair (hereinafter “Plaintiff”) initiated the present action by filing his Original Petition in Cause No. 2017CI14407, in the 37th Judicial District of Bexar County, Texas on August 7, 2017 (the “State Court Action”). *See* Plaintiff’s Original Petition, attached as **Exhibit A**.

2. Defendant appeared and answered on September 8, 2017, asserting a general denial to the claims and allegations made in Plaintiff’s Original Petition. *See* Defendant’s Original Answer, attached as **Exhibit B**.

3. Pursuant to 28 USC § 1446(a) all a copy of all process, pleadings, and orders served upon Defendant in the State Court Action are incorporated in **Exhibit A**.

4. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), promptly after filing this Notice of Removal, Defendant will give written notice of the removal to Plaintiff through his attorney of record, and to the clerk of the 37th Judicial District of Bexar County, Texas.

5. Pursuant to 28 USC §§ 1446(b)(1) and 1446(c)(1) this Notice of Removal has been timely filed within 30 days of service on Defendant of Plaintiff's Original Petition and less than one year after the commencement of this action.

II. JURISDICTION

6. This Court has original jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332, and the matter is removable to this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a) because there is complete diversity of citizenship between the properly joined parties and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000 exclusive of interest and costs.

A. Diversity of Parties

7. Plaintiff is domiciled in Bexar County, Texas. *See Exhibit A*, ¶ 1. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a), therefore, Plaintiff is a citizen of the State of Texas.

8. Defendant Nationwide Property and Casualty Insurance Company is organized under the laws of Ohio and maintains its principal place of business in Columbus, Ohio. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(c)(1), therefore, Defendant is a citizen of the State of Ohio.

9. Accordingly, there is complete diversity between the parties pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a).

B. Amount in Controversy

10. Plaintiff's Original Petition states that Plaintiff seeks monetary relief "over \$200,000 but not more than \$1,000,000." *See* Plaintiff's Original Petition, **Exhibit A**, ¶ 4. The threshold for diversity jurisdiction, \$75,000, is therefore met by the allegations of Plaintiff's Original Petition.

11. On July 18, 2017 Plaintiff sent a demand letter claiming \$284,910 in actual damages. *See* July 18, 2017 Demand attached as **Exhibit C**. Plaintiff further seeks attorneys' fees and penalty interest. Penalties, exemplary damages, and attorneys' fees are included as part of the amount in controversy.¹

12. The amount in controversy plainly exceeds \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs. *See* **Exhibit A**. Accordingly, the amount in controversy requirement of 28 U.S.C. § 1332(b) is satisfied.

**III.
CONCLUSION**

13. Removal of this action under 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a) is proper as the district courts of the United States have original jurisdiction over the matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332, and as all requirements for removal under 28 U.S.C. § 1446 have been met.

14. WHEREFORE, Defendant Nationwide Property and Casualty Insurance Company hereby provides notice that this action is duly removed.

(Signatures on following page)

¹ *See H&D Tire & Automotive-Hardware, Inc. v. Pitney Bowes Inc.*, 227 F.3d 326, 330 (5th Cir. 2000); *see also St. Paul Reinsurance Co. v. Greenberg*, 134 F.3d 1250, 1253 (5th Cir. 1998).

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served upon the following counsel of record via certified mail, return receipt requested on this 8th day of September, 2017.

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